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Subject: Vodafone Business Centre Perth: MA1000021 – Telstra TPG Spectrum Transaction – submission'

To ACCC,

I am writing in regards to the proposed network agreement between Telstra and Vodafone / TPG

As a person who has worked in the telecommunications industry for 18 + years, I am very much for this proposed agreement.

I have seen over the years that the consumers and businesses in Australia that operate in the regional / rural and urban fringe areas, being confined to only having one choice of mobile providers being Telstra due to the likes of Vodafone / TPG not being able to provide the adequate coverage required for them to operate efficiently.

The proposed network agreement will now allow more freedom of choice for millions of Australians in choosing the provider that best suits their needs from a financial and inclusion point of view.

The agreement with Telstra will result in significant benefits for our customers and potential customer in terms of improved quality of services, greater coverage and quicker access to 5G services. We consider this will be attractive for consumers who live in, or travel through or to, regional and rural areas in Australia.

The ability for our customers to have coverage in the regional areas not only provides a better end user experience it also provides safety and protection for those who may become stranded / broken down etc in reaching family and friends.

Although this benefits consumers and businesses in the regional areas, it also greatly benefits the users who work and live in the metropolitan areas. Many users will at times travel to regional areas for work, holidays etc and not having adequate coverage in these areas, means that at times we are overlooked as a potential service provider leading users with no choice but to stay or join Telstra.

Overall I would love to see this passed and come into effect, with my vast experience in this industry this would be welcomed by many businesses and consumers in both WA and Australia.

Regards



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